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SUBJECT: U.S.- POLISH WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE TRADE

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1. EXCELLENT AGATT CABLES ON U.S.-POLISH WORKING GROUP (WG), REF A AND B., MUCH APPRECIATED. FOR FUTURE WG MEETINGS IN U.S. FAS HOPES TO HAVE AGATT PRESENT.

2. REGRET UNABLE TO CLEAR UP SITUATION CITED IN REF B, PARA 1. HOWEVER, POLES DID STATE CY 1976 GRAIN IMPORT INTENTIONS WOULD BE 2.2 TO 2.5 MMT.

3. WILL AIRPOUCH WG MINUTES AND OTHER DATA ASAP. SALIENT
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POINTS OF WG MEETING FOLLOWS. A) U.S. PRESENTED LIST DETAILING

UNDERSTANDING OF ECONOMIC DATA POLES INTEND TO PROVIDE TO AGATT ON REGULAR BASIS. POLES WILL PROVIDE FINAL SCHEDULE UPON RETURN TO WARSAW. B) POLES REQUESTED MORE TIMELY TRANSMITTAL OF U.S. DATE BUT WHEN QUESTIONED FURTHER ON THIS POINT DID NOT RESPOND WITH A SPECIFIC CASE. THIS PROBLEM IS TO BE WORKED OUT DIRECTLY WITH AGATT. FAS WASHINGTON WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY SUPPORT UPON AGATT REQUEST. IF POLES DO NOT COME FORWARD WITH DATA REQUEST, INITIATIVE ON AGATT PART MAY RESULT IN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR CALLS ON MAZURKIEWICZ AND OTHERS.

C) CCC CREDIT: POLES WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO UTILIZE PREVIOUSLY EXTENDED CCC CREDITS PRIOR TO TERMINATION END OF SEPT. 1976. FOR 1977 POLES REQUESTED DOLS 200 MILLION CCC CREDIT. INCLUDED IN REQUEST WAS DOLS 4 MILLION FOR TOBACCO AND DOLS 5 MILLION FOR TALLOW. U.S. SIDE SUGGESTED THEY TRY TO TAKE SOME OF THIS PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 15 IN ORDER TO USE FUNDS IN FY 1976 BUDGET, INCLUDING SWITCH FROM UNUTILIZED CREDITS FOR RICE. POLES ALSO INDICATED INTEREST IN CITRUS FRUIT. HOWEVER CITRUS CURRENTLY INELIGIBLE FOR CCC CREDIT. U.S. IS SYMPATHETIC SHOULD CITRUS BECOME ELIGIBLE. D) CHEESE: THE POLES REQUESTED TOTAL QUOTA FOR POLISH CHEESE SALES OF 5,000 TONS PER YEAR, INCLUDING TILSIT INCREASE TO 2,000 TONS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUOTA FOR POLISH CHEDDAR AT 2,000 TONS AND FOR GOUDA AND EDAM AT 500 TONS EACH. U.S. RESPONSE SYMPATHETIC BUT NOTED COULD NOT ACT DUE TO EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS. U.S. SIDE SUGGESTED TO POLES THAT BEST OPPORTUNITIES ARE IN AREA OF NON-QUOTA CHEESE AND NOTED CHEESE QUOTAS COULD BE DISCUSSED AT MTN IN GENEVA.

4. TRIP TO PA. MAZURKIEWICZ, KRAMSKI AND POLISH AGATT RASINSKI, ACCOMPANIED BY JOHN BESHOR (FAS), TRAVELED THROUGH PA. SUNDAY MAY 2-TUESDAY MAY 4. TRIP INCLUDED VISIT TO SEVERAL FARMS IN YORK AREA HOSTING POLISH YOUTHS VISITING U.S. UNDER 4-H-POLISH FARM YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM. ALSO INCLUDED WERE VISITS TO AG MUSEUM AT LANCASTER, PENN STATE UNIVERSITY, SPERRY-NEW HOLLAND COMPANY IN NEW HOLLAND, AND ARS EASTERN REGIONAL RESEARCH CENTER IN PHILADELPHIA.

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